

KLA Member Services Committee

Report to the Board

September 15, 2010

The Member Services Committee solicited and selected an award winner for the KLA Intellectual Freedom Award during this quarter. The award will be presented at the annual awards luncheon on Thursday, September 16th; the winner is Dr. Ron Critchfield, Jessamine County Public Library.

A suggestion for the Board regarding awards in the future is to coordinate all of the KLA Awards deadlines and solicitations so that nominations can be made and considered in a more organized manner. For example, the Natcher Award, The Lifetime Achievement Award, the Mentoring Award and the Advocate Award are all solicited at the same time, by the Library Awareness Committee – my suggestion is not to put all of the work onto this committee, but to have one Committee (or person) responsible for coordinating the call for nominations. The individual Sections and Round Tables that offer awards, should still be able to handle their awards in the same manner they always have, this suggestion is just for the awards that KLA as a whole organization dispenses.

Another suggestion for the Board involves copyright concern about the KLA Intellectual Freedom Handbook. The most recent copy of the handbook that I could locate was an electronic copy (pdf) of the 2007 edition; however, large portions were taken directly from the ALA Intellectual Freedom Manual. I would suggest re-examining the Handbook to ensure copyright has not been violated, as well as the future need for KLA to have a separate handbook if the majority of the material continues to come directly from ALA's manual.

Respectfully submitted,

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Member Services Committee